30 Years' Tribute To China:
An International Friend
Who Predicted & Anticipated China's Rise

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Photo Caption:

Mr. Farzam (right) with Tang Jiaxuan, the former Foreign Minister of China, and Li Xiaolin, the President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Editor's Special Remarks:

The 18th National Party Congress has sounded the clarion call to National Revival; and the world is now witnessing with full attention the Rise of China. However, from more than 30 years ago, a foreign Youth has all along been predicting and effectively pushing forward the "Renaissance of Chinese Civilization" and "China's Peaceful Rise". From his ardent love for China at a young age, to his promulgation of China's Revival & Rise, until his devoted commitment to positively influencing the "Mainstream China", he has already become an Iconic Figure representing the phenomenon of the World witnessing the miraculous Rise of China.

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On January 27th, 2013, at the Fifth Asian Art Expo in China World Trade Center, the Iranian American Mr. Farzam attracted great attention from the participants with his Chinese calligraphy and his brilliant Chinese speech "Facilitating the Renaissance of the East". Through various means people sought to know about this extraordinarily charming and glamorous international friend. What they learnt fresh was that over 30 years before this he had, while still in the United States, predicted the "Renaissance of Chinese Civilization", and had encouraged many overseas students to come back to the motherland.

After moving to China, he has been constantly promoting China to the world; he had previously made proposal to the Central Government to use "China Peace Theory" & policy to counter & curb the "China Threat Theory" of the West, and had obtained the confirmation and approval from the national leaders of China. Ever since his donating the Statue of Confucius to the United States and his organizing a series of other related activities promoting Confucian Thought, even up to establishing Confucius Institute in the United States, he has been a strong hand mover and promoter. Just like a prophet in the legends, his over 30 years firmly advocated and adhered to thesis of "The Peaceful Rise of China", and "China Shall Play Important Leadership Role on the World Stage", etc. has obtained historical verification. With acclaim tributes to China for over 30 years, he has written a legendary life, which has affected and influenced China with his tokens of love over and over again in the span of more than 30 years!

Love of China in the United States: Iran Child Prodigy Upon Growing Up Learns Chinese at Harvard University

Back in the 50s of the last Century, in a central mountain countryside in the poetry country of Iran, there was an "Illiterate Poet" who always composed and spread oral poetry; in his 21 years of age he suddenly changed his life direction to become an adult learner: He entered school and accomplished a life record second to none: Finishing primary school courses all within 1 year, then finishing the secondary and high school all in two other years, then entering the Capital University. After university, he volunteered to work as the only countryside doctor in a hundred kilometers radius near the Caspian Sea. In 1961, his second son was born; this very child was Farzam Kamalabadi.

Farzam's memory of his childhood is full of diverse kinds of afflicted patients. For any patient, whether severely ill and dying, or just contracted infectious disease such as malaria, or wounded and hurt by a ferocious animal such as snake, tiger, jackal, or wolf, Farzam's father was to no exception to become their life-saving god…as a doctor who on the average received 170 patients per day, Farzam's father hardly had time to accompany his children. Since primary school to secondary school, almost every semester the textbooks in Farzam's school bag could be found only for two months or so and then were discarded and lost, because he had already self-studied and mastered all the contents by himself. Gradually, Farzam was termed by people a child prodigy.

Farzam's middle school music teacher had tried to show off his hypnotism to the students several times during class. Every time, he put a bright object in

front of the students as consciousness guide, but always failed, and never succeeded. Then, Farzam tried hypnotism according to his own understanding, in the end, among 7 students, there were 5 whom he succeeded in hypnotizing! One of the students not only was unconscious to his wrist-watch being removed during Farzam's psychological induction of him, but also could call out accurately the exact time to the precise minute and second within a long period of 30 minutes of continuous silent state. Teachers and students again praised him as a "child prodigy".

Last Century in the late 70s, social unrest occurred in Iran, and Farzam came to America. In 1981, while not having learnt English that well yet, by virtue of his many years of longing for China, and with the knowledge of the resumption of the college entrance examination and the reform and opening up of China, an intuitive powerful calling stemming from deep soul's inspiration "forced" him the imperative that he must learn Chinese, and in the future must go to China!

In 1981, Farzam, after long period of persistent asking around finally found Mr. Lin (Raymond Lum), Harvard University Language Laboratory Chinese language professor, who was born in Hong Kong, and grown up in the United States. When they met, Farzam who had been looking hard to find Chinese teacher for such a long time shed tears of excitement.

Mr. Lum told Farzam candidly: "In America, Chinese language is not valued by anyone, and moreover is also difficult to learn". Farzam replied in this manner: "Relying on my interest and love for China, I believe I can not only persist on, but also learn to the best!"

For Farzam who had intellectual foundation as a child prodigy and urgent desire to fast grasp the Chinese language, to take only one Chinese lesson per week was simply too little and so unbearable! Therefore, while the other students were still shaking their heads tasting with tough hardship the special characteristics of Chinese four-tone pronunciation, Farzam had already found on his own a thick and heavy Chinese dictionary, and had begun to self study Chinese by looking up words... He told the teacher: "People usually all do things from easy to difficult, but I have the habit of doing things from difficult to easy".

It was this thinking of "starting from the difficult" that made him start by Chinese dictionary learning from the outset earliest on. At first from the morning till evening the entire day Farzam had only learned 10 Chinese characters: I, believe, firmly, that, in, the future, China, will, influence, the world… After a week, however, he could learn 20 Chinese characters per hour…

Prophetically Predicting China's Rise: His Prophesies In America Made Numerous Chinese Overseas Students To Return To Their Motherland

Two months later, Farzam was almost absent in all the Chinese classes, and instead was engaged in self-studies. He on the one hand seized the time to learn Chinese, while also on the other hand contacting and surrounding the Chinese people around himself as much as possible.

After so many years, countless Chinese students who studied in America could all remember Farzam, for his huge influence leaving deep inkling mark in this most important phase of their lives. There, he seized a great history-afforded opportunity and destiny. Among all the earliest Chinese overseas students and visiting scholars who had come to Harvard and MIT, there is almost no one who has not encountered and been touched by Farzam's life. Among these are famous personalities in China's finance such as Hugo Xiong, Fred Hu Zuliu, etc., also the macro-economist FAN GANG who later became world-renowned, and literature and art famous figures such as Zhu Ming Ying, Wu Tian Ming, and a host of many other prominent personalities…

With his warm heart of an oriental, Farzam often drove a very old car to the airport to pick up the students arriving from China. Many Chinese who just arrived into the United States had difficulty to settle down; to the utmost extent Farzam always offered his crowded but friendly place; even, many among them all received material financial support from him. In such warm friendly atmosphere, Farzam gradually learned the most practical Chinese. He maximized to the highest time utilization the chance to learn Chinese among the Chinese people: He even seized the moments during playing table tennis with Chinese students when the other side would pick up the ping pong ball, to memorize and recite Chinese idioms. In cooking Chinese food he would also learn Chinese culture, like "the original soup from the same food helps digest that food", etc.

In 1981, utilizing rather skilled Chinese ability, Farzam wrote the thesis "Inevitable Renaissance of Chinese Civilization", "China Shall Play Important Leadership Role On The World Stage", published in many local Chinese newspapers. He considered that China's reform and opening up would have added surprising impetus to her development… After that, he made a series of theme lectures on the "Renaissance of Chinese Civilization" in Chinese, and English at Harvard University, MIT, and other university campuses, at the same time he wrote the "Renaissance of Chinese Civilization" and other

articles also published in local media.

Today, 30 years later, it would be no more amazing if any one in any place in the world talks about the "Rise of China", but at that time in America, for a foreigner to spare no efforts in supporting China, is indeed unimaginably extraordinary, for not only no Americans did so, even so many Chinese students who had gone to America at that time could not believe it so! However, Farzam had indeed seriously written such a firm prophecy! "Now the United States is very developed, but after the reform and opening-up, China will surely have amazing potentials to develop, China will assume more and more important role in the development of the global economy, its rise is destined and inevitable…"

Farzam's ideas and talks had stirred and raised a great influence among the Chinese students and visiting scholars. At that time, to the just recently opened door China, it was the beginning of outburst of young people's shallow western worship era, many overseas students yearning for the United States, and majority of them unwilling and reluctant to return to China. Farzam was the very person who gave them national self-confidence in that critical period.

In view of the excellent performance of Farzam, the banking institution of Harvard University offered him a full-time job. This job was to open bank account for all the Chinese who came to study or work at Harvard and MIT. No one would have thought that this was the best opportunity for Farzam to influence the Chinese students: At his own cost, he printed large quantities of promotional materials the "China Civilization Renaissance" article and put them into a pile on the desk, giving a copy to each Chinese who opened a bank account…

By 1984, there were already ten thousand Chinese who had received these print articles by Farzam... Under the influence of Farzam, many Chinese students gave up the life in the United States and returned to their motherland, dedicating themselves to the historic tide of reform and opening up. After the passing of over a decade, many Chinese students who had returned to the motherland told him with gratitude: Without you, I would still live in the United States. In 2012, a returnee Chinese overseas student friend, who had become a senior accountant upon his return to China, said to Farzam: "Thanks to you Farzam, you had once put me to shame, and it was you who awoke my patriotic passion…"

Devoting Himself To “Mainstream China": The Visionary Witnessed Over Several Decades The Miracle Rise Of China

In 1987, Farzam who had all along been predicting the Rise of China, filled with enthusiastic love for China, decided to plunge into the "Mainstream China". Due to the limitation of the openness level of China, Farzam could only temporarily live in Macau at first. In Macau he established a Chinese & English bilingual school called “School of the Nations“. At this time, with further understanding of China’s current situation, he wrote new articles predicting the Rise of China such as "The Promising Future Of China" and published in the World Journal Daily, Sing Tao Daily and other media in Macau, Hong Kong and America. Meanwhile taking this as the theme, he delivered many speeches again and again on this subject in Chinese.

Farzam’s speech always has strong persuasive power; almost in all of his speeches his “glamour” often surpasses that of all other Chinese speakers present. HAN XIN, the famous Chinese painter in America, close friend of Chen Dan Qing, appraises him in this way: "So long as you witness the divine color spirit of his speech, you would feel that he is a first-class prophesier".

In the end of 1987, from Zhuhai Farzam stepped into Chinese land for the first time. Facing to the streams of sunglow rainbow under the cloud layer, the clean clear blowing breezes from the seashore touching on his back, he shed warm tears all over his face as he prayed quietly for this great Nation which he had revered for so many years…

From then on, Farzam started to carry out his grand plan to travel all over China; he had wished in this process to embrace every mountain and river in this vast nation, to get to know about her rich magical customs and peoples emotions, and in doing so he would himself personally together with the people of this land practice to the utmost his own prophecy as much as possible, and also participate in the historical details of this “The Revival & Renaissance of Chinese Civilization”, “The Rising of China"...

In 1989, through the efforts of Farzam, the Native American Indian tribal leader (Lakota Sioux Chief Kevin Locke) visited China. The modern scientific research shows that the tribal peoples of the American Continent are formed by migration of humanity from China's Yellow River basin since ten thousand years ago, therefore, this civilian visit organized by Farzam was called "The Great Return Of Mankind To Asia After Ten Thousand Years”, it was one "Most Significant Symbolic-Meaning Activity ", which indicated the universal love thought that "The World of Humanity Is One Family”. This activity, which Farzam had single handedly planned and carried out, created a tremendous

response in the world globally.

At the origination spot of the Yellow River source, Farzam sincerely prayed for the Chinese Nation and people; on the peak top of Tai Mountain, facing towards the sunrise, Farzam wrote a poem in eulogy tribute to CHINA... Soon after these, he moved to live in Shanghai!

Few years afterwards, as China's reform and open door influence made China's strength grow, the Western countries began to pronounce "China Threat Theory". At this time, Farzam, through various thesis and speeches by his own understanding and initiative spread and promoted Confucius thoughts of "benevolence", "Great Unity of the World" He considered that Confucian thought could be taken as the core of Chinese diplomatic concept, its essential substance being "peace". In 1999, Farzam creatively proposed the original idea of "China Peace Theory" in line with Confucius ideas, in order to curb the Western notion of "China Threat Theory". In 1999, he wrote a nearly ten thousand word application, and reported this proposition to the Party Central Committee, the State Council, submitted through The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries…

At that time, China Minister of Education, Chen Zhili also hand-delivered in person this Farzam's application report directly to Party General Secretary & President Jiang Zemin. Swiftly, Jiang Zemin, Zhu Rongji made affirmative approval on his application. Next, a series of activities designed by Farzam such as presenting the Statue of Confucius to the United States, promoting Confucian Thought in the United States were implemented one after another in succession. Later, Confucius Institute was founded in the United States of America… The idea that China has since ancient times always loved "peace" thus deeply entered into the heart of many peoples of the United States and elsewhere.

Subsequently, Farzam reported his continually perfected "The Renaissance Revival of Chinese Civilization" Theory, "The China Leadership" Theory, "China Will Become the World Development Leader" Theory, and "China Holistic Harmony" Theory" (including harmony between individual and collective, harmony between freedom and obedience, harmony between China and the West, harmony between goals and means, harmony between economy and spirituality, etc.) one after another to national government leaders, ministerial leaders and the later generations of old revolutionary families. Among these people were included: Jiang Zemin, Zhu Rongji, Hu Jintao, Qian Qichen, Deng Nan, Deng Pufang…

By the year 2000, Farzam had travelled to all provinces, cities, and autonomous regions throughout China, the number of Chinese cities he visited

had reached 500, and the number of counties he visited had reached 1000. The number of name cards of the Chinese people he had collected and saved had reached well over 100,000 name cards. His Chinese friends were countless, ranging from the national prominent leaders to the mountain farmers, from economists to laid-off workers. He had successfully planned and organized official or private visits and exchanges between Chinese and foreign countries. He had several times helped and saved Chinese patients and children deprived of education. His concept of "from difficult to easy" had also directly impacted the Chairman of Haier Group Zhang Ruimin to invest and set up factories in the United States… He had been involved on numerous occasions and all over China in forums and summits and other activities such as The Shareholding System Reform, The Call on Reduction of High Pollution of Large Scale Manufacturing Enterprises, and so on. Each time there was such activity, he felt so proud because he thought that he had participated in the historic tide of The Rise of China! And facing the history and the rich in-depth heritage culture of China, he had learned the ancient oracle bone script and Chinese calligraphy.

In 2001, when Farzam went back to Harvard University from China with the heart to pay homage of gratitude to his Chinese teacher, Mr. Lum, who was responsible for Chinese classes, the then librarian of Yenching Library of Harvard University, he could not help stop crying because of emotional excitement. He eagerly handed his published theory "The Renaissance of Chinese Civilization", "China Will Play Leadership Role in the World Community" and other media theoretical reports to Mr. Lum… This "reward tribute" deeply touched Mr. Lum to also shed tears right on the spot. Mr. Lum said: "you are of extraordinary value and significance both for China and the world. Perhaps at the outset there were no one but a few who trusted your judgment, but history has proved that you were correct."

In January 2003, Farzam expounded his theory "The Peaceful Rise of China" to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and obtained affirmation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who in the return letter wrote appreciation to this "international friend" for his contributions to China's development, hoping that he would "continue to play a positive role in China's opening up to the world".

Dai Zhou (China's Chief Ideologue), the former Editor-in-Chief of Qiushi (Seeking the Truth) Magazine had many times repeatedly praised Farzam's related theories. In July 2004, he said this before his passing: "I have only made one foreign friend in my entire life---the dearly-loved Mr. Farzam."

At the beginning of 2012, Farzam advanced a new theory "the Revival of Shen Zhou (The Continent of God or The Divine Land, as is the ancient name and poetic appellation of China)". He firmly believes that: All the nations and

peoples of the world should open their wide embrace to greet with warm welcome China's rise under a peaceful state; all people must not discriminate and reject this, but instead should accept this historical trend with a positive, friendly attitude, as the revival of Chinese culture and the Renaissance of China shall inevitably assume leadership position in the World megatrend… And, during his speeches on this theme, he often would recite this Chinese poem which he himself had composed; “The Song of the Revival of the Divine-Land (CHINA)”:

To bestir the Ancient China Dragon
And Divine-Land Glory to beckon

It is not merely a dream to redeem
Reality near formation is this theme

China’s spiritual awakening
Is surely not at all threatening

It is not a self-gratification glorification
But a contribution to all the nations

The 18th National Party Congress has sounded the clarion call to National Renaissance rejuvenation. A rising China will stand in the East of the World. In not a distant future at a time when our billions upon billions of Chinese compatriots will have jointly celebrated the realization of this dream, we shall not forget that: There was a kind-hearted international friend, who since the early 80s in the past Century had predicted the great rejuvenation Renaissance of the Chinese Nation, and had actively participated in the Rise of China, and by his oriental kindness, his faith, and friendly spirit of world-citizenship, he had influenced China; his name is – Farzam Kamalabadi.